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Law Department,
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Re: Australian Patent Application No. 16579/83

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11th September, 1985.

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Dear Sirs,

We enclose a Direction of the Commissioner of Patents to request examination of this application. A request for examination, or a request for deferment must be lodged by 5th March, 1986, or the application will lapse. DATE 1-5-86 (3-5-86 P) 8AM /AIP

The following courses are now open:

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- (a) Allow the application to lapse. NOTED
- (b) Request normal examination - the charge is Australian \$ 320.00.
- (c) In the case of a Convention application where there is a proper chain of priority to a corresponding U.K. or U.S. granted patent - request modified examination at a basic charge of Australian \$ 290.00 plus cost of preparing amendments to conform with the selected U.K. or U.S. patent specification.
- (d) In the case of a Convention application where there is a proper chain of priority to a corresponding U.K. and/or U.S. patent application and where it is desirable to request modified examination on one of these non-granted applications - request deferment for nine (9) months - charge Australian \$ 135.00.

In the case of (d) you must advise us of the application numbers and filing dates of applications in U.K. and U.S. and state that one of the corresponding applications has not been granted in the U.K. or U.S. The U.K. and/or U.S. applications under consideration must have the same priority as this application. During the period of deferment either modified or normal examination may be requested.

In the case of (c) your instructions must advise the date of grant, and PROVIDE AN OFFICIALLY CERTIFIED COPY OF THE SPECIFICATION OF THE GRANTED U.K. OR U.S. PATENT, certified as being a true copy of the specification of that patent as granted. We would appreciate it if you would also forward an uncertified copy of that patent specification so that we may have a file copy. The specification of this application will have to be brought into conformity with the specification of that corresponding U.K. or U.S. specification. The charges for comparing the specifications and preparing the necessary amendments is from Australian \$ 50.00.

Modified examination is not recommended, in general. However, if modified examination is required and if you know the amendments necessary to put this application into the same form as the selected U.K. or U.S. specification (this may be obtained from the amendments lodged in U.K. for example), it would reduce our work - and the charges to you - if you could let us have a list of the necessary amendments.

Yours faithfully,
CALLINAN AND ASSOCIATES

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FINAL DATE: 5TH MARCH, 1986.

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